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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Walter B. Hill, Jr. et al.	)	Examiner: Marc S. Alvo
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Application No.: 09/996,516	)	Group Art Unit: 1731
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Filed: November 29, 2001	)	Confirmation No.: 3529
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Docket No.: 3597-127	)	Customer No.: 33432

For: PAPERMAKING PROCESS USING ENZYME-TREATED SLUDGE, AND PRODUCTS

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND PRELIMINARY  
AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

December 19, 2003

Sir:

This communication including the Preliminary Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated September 23, 2003, for which the Examiner has set a one-month period for response. A Petition for a Two-Month Extension of Time and the requisite fee are submitted herewith, thus making the response due on or before December 23, 2003.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.